

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend from page 8, paragraph 1, through page 10, paragraph 4, as amended in the International Application, to read as follows:

-- WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: --**[CLAIMS]**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for treat[ing] ment or, partially or wholly, impregnation[g] of a textile and/or footwear product[s intended] to be worn on [the human], or associated with, a user's foot [making use of] with an active deodorizing [principle consisting of] ingredient comprising elementa[ry]l sulphur or, in any case, a [substance] compound capable of liberating elementa[ry]l sulphur, [characterized in that said] wherein the product[s are] is treated or impregnated with a composition comprising, [besides said] in addition to the active [principle] ingredient, a polymeric binder for [stably fixing said] providing stable adherence of the active [principle] ingredient to [said] the product[s] and [releasing it] gradually in the course of release therefrom over time.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein [said] the polymeric binder is a[n] selected acrylic, silicone, butadiene or polyurethane resin, [said] the active [principle] ingredient and [said] the resin being distributed in a non-aqueous composition with which [said] the product[s are] is applied or impregnated [or sprayed].

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein [said] the polymeric binder is a[n] selected acrylic, silicone, butadiene or polyurethane resin, [said] the active [principle] ingredient and [said] the resin being distributed in an aqueous bath in which [said] the product[s are] is immersed.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The method [according to] set forth in claim 3, wherein [said] the active [principle] ingredient in [said] the aqueous bath has a concentration [comprised] between about 0[,]3 and about 1.0 g/l, [said] the resin being a selected silicon resin and having a concentration [comprised] between about 10 and about 20 g/l, [said] the aqueous bath further comprising [also] a selected cationic surfactant and a selected softener having [a] concentrations of[, respectively,] between about 10 and about 20 g/l and about 2 and about 5 g/l, respectively.

Claim 5 (currently amended) The method [according to] set forth in claim 4, wherein [said] the aqueous bath is brought to a temperature of at least about 40°C.

Claim 6 (currently amended) The method [according to] set forth in claim 3, wherein [said] the active [principle] ingredient has a concentration [comprised] between about 5 and about 10 g/l and is emulsified with a non-ionic surfactant, [said] the resin being a[n] selected emulsified acrylic resin and having a concentration [comprised] between about 3 and about 5 g/l, the bath, in the case of a wool-based product, having a pH [made] at least slightly acidic using [by means of] acetic acid in the case of wool-base products or, in the case of a product with a cellulose base, a relatively neutral pH in case of products with a cellulose base.

Claim 7 (currently amended) The method [according to] set forth in claim 6, wherein [said] the textile product[s], subsequent[ly] to immersion in [said] the bath, [are] is wrung and dried at a temperature of at least about 150 °C in order to polymerize [said] the acrylic resin.

Claim 8 (currently amended) The method [according to] set forth in claim 1, wherein [said] the polymeric binder is a [glue] selected adhesive utilized for assembling a shoe or a part thereof.

Claim 9 (currently amended) The method according to any one of the preceding set forth in claim[s] 1, wherein [said] the active [principle] ingredient is a selected wettable micronized sulphur.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A composition for partially or integrally treating a textile and/or footwear product[s intended] to be worn on [the human], or associated with, a user's foot, [said] the composition making use of an active deodorizing [principle consisting of] ingredient comprising elementa[ry]l sulphur or, in any case, a [substance] compound capable of liberating elementa[ry]l sulphur, characterized in that it wherein the product comprises, in addition to [said] the active [principle] ingredient, a selected polymeric binder for [stably fixing said] providing stable adherence of the active [principle] ingredient on [said] the product[s] and [releasing it] gradually in the course of release therefrom over time.

Claim 11 (currently amended) The composition [according to] set forth in claim 10, wherein [said] the polymeric binder is a[n] selected acrylic, silicone, butadiene or poly[i]urethane resin, [said] the active [principle] ingredient and [said] the resin being distributed in an aqueous bath in which [said] the product[s are] is immersed.

Claim 12 (currently amended) The composition [according to] set forth in claim 11, wherein [said] the active [principle] ingredient has a concentration [comprised] between about 0[.].3 and about 1.0 g/l, [said] the resin being a selected silicon resin and having a concentration [comprised] between about 10 and about 20 g/l, [said] the aqueous bath further comprising [also] a selected cationic surfactant and a selected softener having [a] concentrations of[, respectively,] between about 10 and about 20 g/l and about 2 and about 5 g/l, respectively.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The composition [according to] set forth in claim 11, wherein [said] the active [principle] ingredient has a concentration [comprised] between about 5 and about 10 g/l and is emulsified with a selected non-ionic surfactant, [said] the resin being a[n] selected emulsified acrylic resin and having a concentration [comprised] between about 3 and about 5 g/l, the bath, in the case of a wool-based product, having a pH [made] at least slightly acidic using [by means of] acetic acid in the case of wool-base products or, in the case of a product with a cellulose base, a relatively neutral pH in case of products with a cellulose base.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The composition [according to] set forth in claim[s] 10 [to 13], wherein [said] the active [principle] ingredient is a selected wettable micronized sulphur.

Claim 15 (currently amended) [The] A textile and/or footwear product[s] integrally or partially impregnated or treated with a composition in accordance with any of claims 10 to 14 having an active deodorizing ingredient which comprises elemental sulphur or a compound capable of liberating elemental sulphur, wherein the product is treated or impregnated with a composition comprising, in addition to the active ingredient, a selected polymeric binder for providing stable adherence of the active ingredient to the product and gradual release therefrom over time.